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crosslinking agent, a water soluble vitamin, a lipid soluble vitamin, an RNA/DNA cleaving complex, a metal chelator, a porphyrin, an alkylator, or a polymeric compound selected from polymeric amines, polymeric glycols and polyethers; and  
wherein said conjugate optionally includes a linking moiety.--

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**REMARKS**

After entry of the proposed amendment, claims 1-6, 8-20, and 22-38 will be pending in this patent application.

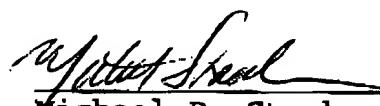
As suggested in the Communication, claims 1 and 7 have been rewritten without substantive change as new claims 37 and 38, respectively. The dependency of claims 8-11, 14, 16, 18-20 and 22-29 also have been amended accordingly.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims presently before the Examiner patentably define the invention over the applied art and are otherwise in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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